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1. The Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost, west of Fürstenburg/Oder covers 9-10 square kilometers. The project had been planned before 1945 and was intended to resemble the Krupps works at Essen. After the war, the plans which, according to native inhabitants, had been hidden, fell into the hands of the Russians. In summer of 1950, after Russian and East Zone commissions had paid frequent visits to the spot, it was decided to proceed with the project.

The following are details regarding these works:

2. Location (see attached plan)

The boundaries of the works are the following:

East : the Oder;
Southeast : the Fürstenburg-Neuzelle-Guben road as far as the double locks of the Oder-Spree canal, or to the point where the above-mentioned road crosses the canal;
South : bend of the Oder-Spree canal;
West : Schönfliess-Pohlitz road;
Northwest : Pohlitz-Ziltendorf road;
Northeast : Ziltendorf-Vogelsang road; from there along the new canal to the Oder.

3. Construction work (see plan)

- a. The following sections have been given priority and work on them is now under way:

- A : Blast furnaces and industrial plant
B : Transshipping part, on the Oder-Spree Canal
C : Power station owned by the Eisenhüttenkombinat at Vogelgang.
D : Junction canal with lock between the Oder-Spree Canal and Oder river.
E, F, G : Foundry and large forgings works.
H : Eisenhüttenkombinat freight station with the works' rail network linked up to it.

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b. The progress of construction is as follows:

(i) Blast furnace No. 1 (about 400 m from canal)

- a) Foundation stone laid 1 January 1951; terminal date for building firm 30 April 1951; to start operating 1 October 1951.
- b) Capacity: 250,000 tons of pig iron per year.
- c) Rolling mill belonging to the furnace; runs NNW parallel to the canal; ground surveyed and preliminary work in progress.

(ii) Blast furnace No. 2 (Schönfliess side of furnace No.1)

- a) Foundations not yet laid but terminal date for building, or date of start of operation (Fertigstellungstermin, beziehungsweise Anstich), June 1952.
- b) Capacity: 250,000 tons of pig iron per year.

(iii) Blast furnace No. 3 (Schönfliess side of other furnaces)

- a) Foundations not yet laid but terminal date for building, or date of start of operation, December 1953.
- b) Capacity: 250,000 tons of pig iron per year.

4. Planned targets (production and building)

a. Pig iron and refined steel

1953: Blast furnaces Nos. 1 and 2: The target is 500,000 tons of pig iron or 220,000 tons of refined steel per year (the production of the Siemens-Martin furnaces still to be erected is included in the estimate).

1955: Total plant: The target is set at 550,000 tons of refined steel per year.

b. Forgings and castings, etc.

1953 (end of): Erection of 2 forges with a yearly target of 50,000 tons of forgings.

1955 (end of): (i) Erection of a foundry with a yearly target of 30,000 tons of castings;

(ii) completion of rolling mill for 600,000 tons;

(iii) completion of a crushing mill for 240,000 tons;

(iv) completion of a wide strip mill (Breitbandstrasse) for 290,000 tons.

5. Power

Preparatory work has been started on a power station for the works. It is situated between Vogelsang and the Oder.

6. Origin of raw materials

An agreement has been concluded between Poland, Russia and the DDR by which the first two countries are to supply the works with coal and crude ore.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~7. Destination of products

Under the same agreement, the works are to deliver their finished products to Poland and Russia.

8. Manpower

The ultimate personnel figures have not been obtained but workers' colonies to house 13,000 - 15,000 persons are to be built.

9. Present labor complement and wages

The number of workers at present employed on the project is difficult to estimate because of the number of firms engaged, but it is known that there are 800 - 900 technicians and over 1,000 unskilled workers employed at the site. Wages are good and the workers are very satisfied.

10. Security measures

Security is assured by elements of the Volkspolizei who maintain strict surveillance. Some occupy small wooden watchmen's barracks placed along the road approaches while others, mounted, patrol the banks of the river and the areas between the roads.

11. Key to plan

1. Fürstenberg/Oder
2. Schönfliess
3. Vogelsang
4. Ziltendorf
5. Pohlitz
6. Oder river
7. small Pohlitz lake
8. large Pohlitz lake
9. Oder-Spree Canal
10. main line to Berlin.

For letters A-H see report.

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